

# BRISTOL FOOTBALL CLUB (R.F.U.)



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PROGRAMME

## Bristol v Gloucester

10p

FRIDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, 1979

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

## CABOT'S COLUMN

### BRISTOL'S RECORD WITH GLOUCESTER

Analysis	P	W	L	D	Points For	Points Against
up to 1914	53	16	33	4	199	364
1919-1939	37	14	18	5	213	213
1945-1975	65	32	26	7	648	609
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>1186</b>

#### Highlights

	HOME		AWAY	
	Score	Date	Score	Date
Highest points for	29	29. 9.56	25	26. 9.59
Highest points against	34	27. 4.77	23	18. 2.11
Highest margin win	23—0	3. 2.62	18—0	26. 9.59
Highest margin defeat	9—34	27. 4.77	0—22	8.11.1890

Dear Fellow Rugby Nutter,

It's a short ration this week, not so much because the history of this fixture is so short but because old Cabot, silly old fool, has not given himself much time for his column before setting off again for France where he mostly lives and works now. Last week he was privileged to see the local side, Albi (about 50 miles from Toulouse) hand out a a 40—0 thrashing to a side called Thuir. It is a marvellous part of France for a rugby man and it would not be too much to say that within a 120 mile radius there must be at least 20 sides who could give Bristol a very good game indeed. Incidentally, your local side in Albi has got to play well when spectators have to pay over £3 for a seat.

#### LOOKING BACK

**4th October, 1924 :: Gloucester 10, Bristol 12**

For the reason stated above I have asked a colleague to 'look back' on my behalf, and he has chosen a real 'Golden Oldie' and one which I am sure will be remembered by our older supporters who remember the Len Corbett, Sam Tucker era with much pleasure. It is stating the obvious that every game against Gloucester is a tough one, and to beat them away is quite an achievement. This particular game was the first victory at Kingsholm for 17 years! Gloucester fielded a strong side and Bristol were experimenting with two young forwards. The packs were evenly matched and the result hinged on which side had the better backs. On the day, Bristol's were the more effective. The halves, Walters and Carter, outplayed Collier and Hughes, and our threequarters were superior to Gloucester's four. Tries were scored for Bristol by Pickles (who also kicked a penalty goal), Quick and Corbett, and Gloucester's try scorers were Taylor and Brown, both converted by Millington. very exciting game! Both Gloucester's and Bristol's older members may be interested to recall the teams:

**Gloucester:** Millington; Brown, Thomas, Taylor, Crowther; Hughes, Collins; Bayliss, Ayliffe, Hall, Merry, Ford, Hemmings, Collier, Short.

**Bristol:** Budd; Quick, Corbett, Pickles, Stinchcombe; Walters, Carter; Coventry, Shaw, Tucker, Nore, Cummings, Richardson, Hucker Bryant.

#### NEW YEAR DRAW

The draw took place on New Years Day and a list of the prizewinners is displayed on the Social Club noticeboard. The Players would like to thank the following for their kind donations.

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### CLUB NOTES

For tonight's important R.F.U. South and South-West Merit Table game, we extend a warm welcome to our near neighbours Gloucester, to their Committee and enthusiastic supporters. Let us hope that the weather will at last relent to enable us to enjoy this most attractive game. Five cancelled home games this year has not pleased our Hon. Treasurer amongst others!

A visit to the Memorial Ground by the Cherry and Whites—the current John Player Cup holders, is always one of the highlights of our season. Apart from the visit of possibly a leading Welsh side, this game is always keenly awaited by players and supporters of both sides. Last season Gloucester completed the double over us — winning here in September by 10 pts. to 9 and at Kingsholm a year ago by 17—6. The previous season they overwhelmed us with a record 34—9 win here and we know that our side will be anxious to record our first home win over Gloucester since September 1975. Certainly that very creditable draw at Kingsholm (16—16) earlier this season helped to redress the balance and let us hope we continue our recovery.

The Gloucester side tonight, led by the experienced John Watkins, includes the formidable Peter Butler, scorer so far of 249 points this season, and their leading try scorer Bob Clewes, with 12 tries. By all accounts Richard Mogg has made a very successful switch to the centre and at half-back tonight is Gloucestershire fly-half Ian Wilkins and the promising Steve Baker who deputises for Peter Kingston, an England replacement tomorrow. Their much respected pack includes England No. 3 hooker Steve Mills, who with Gordon Sargeant was a member of England B tour party to Romania last May. Second-row Steve Boyle is an England Under-23 player and partners Adrian Turton, the former Stroud player, in the second row.

On Bristol news . . . we would like to congratulate Alastair Hignell and Mike Rafter on the selection for tomorrow's Calcutta Cup Match, and to John Doubleday on being named as a replacement. Nigel Pomphrey has been awarded his Club Blazer Badge and Wynne Jones has been appointed captain of our United for the remainder of the season.

Our First XV would also like to thank our lone supporter, Mark Hoskins of Bishopston, in the crowd of 85 at Liverpool. Despite the weather he travelled up by train to support the team in Arctic conditions. We hope he enjoyed the evening as a guest of our playing party.

Finally the Bristol club would also like to thank Welch & Co. for supporting tonight's game. They are generously providing a radio for the lucky programme prize—so listen carefully at half-time for the lucky number (shown on programme inset). The winner to collect his prize in the hallway under the Stand after the game.

Tomorrow the Gloucester Utd. v. Bristol Utd. game at Kingsholm will kick-off at 12 noon. Don't forget this SUNDAY—4th February, R.F.U. Merit Table Game, First XV v. Camborne (kick-off 3.15 p.m.) and now on Saturday, 10th February, the First XV are home to Fylde (kick-off 2.30 p.m.).

### PHOTOGRAPH ON COVER

A typical tackle by our England flanker Mike Rafter with Mike Fry, Steve Gorvett and new England replacement John Doubleday near at hand.

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## BRISTOL

Colours—Blue and White

A	Phil Cue	Full Back
B	John Lane	Right Wing
C	Jim Kelly	Right Centre
D	Alan Morley X	Left Centre
E	Robbie Carter	Left Wing
F	David Sorrell	Fly Half
G	Richard Harding	Scrum Half
H	Mike Fry (capt.)	Forwards
I	Kevin Bogira	
J	Austin Sheppard	
K	Steve Gorvett	
L	Nigel Pomphrey	
M	Malcolm Baker	
N	Bob Hesford	
O	Peter Polledri	

## GLOUCESTER

Colours—Cherry and White

Peter Butler X	15
Bob Clewes	14
Eddie Rooney	13
Richard Mogg	12
Paul Tunstall	11
Ian Wilkins	10
Steve Baker	9
Gordon Sargent	1
Steve Mills	2
Alan Brooks	3
Steve Boyle	4
Adrian Turton	5
John Watkins (capt.) X	6
John Orwin	8
Paul Wood	7

### Replacements:

P	Mike Caven	Kevin White	16
Q	Peter Stiff	Mike Longstaff	17

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